

**REMARKS**

Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 2-14 will be pending in the application with claims 6, 11, 13, and 14 being the independent claims. Claims 2, 6, 7, 9, and 10 will be amended. Claims 11-14 are allowed.

Applicant respectfully requests that this Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 be entered by the Examiner. The proposed amendments of claims 2, 6, 7, 9, and 10 do not raise new issues or necessitate the undertaking of any additional search of the art by the Examiner, since all of the elements and their relationships claimed were either earlier claimed or inherent in the claims as examined. Therefore, this Amendment should allow for immediate action by the Examiner.

**Allowable Subject Matter**

In a telephone message on April 16, 2003, the Examiner indicated that claims 2-10 are objected to for depending from a rejected base claims, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include the features of the base claim. Applicant requests that allowable claim 6 be amended to include all the features of the base claim, thereby placing it in condition for allowance. Further, Applicant requests that claims 2, 7, 9, and 10 be amended to depend from claim 6. In so doing, claims 2-10 would be in a condition for allowance.

**35 U.S.C. § 103**

The Examiner rejected claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,003,928 to Curtindale. Applicants request that claim 1 be cancelled, thereby rendering this rejection moot.

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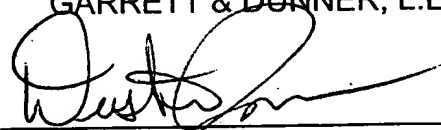
**Conclusion**

In view of the foregoing remarks, the pending claims are in a condition for allowance. Applicant therefore requests the entry of this Amendment and allowance of the pending claims. Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

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